

MINUTES AND REPORT

OF

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

OF

THE COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at 225 Swanston Street, Melbourne on 31st March 1981 commencing 5.30 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. J. N. Black	Chairman
Mr. E. J. Long	
Mr. B. H. Macintosh	
Mr. A. Plant	
Mr. M. Rundle	
Mr. O. J. Slattery	
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson	Executive Officer

Apologies for absence received from

Messrs. A. Dash, A. Gill
P. W. Foster, J. Rigby

2. BUSINESS

The Chairman reminded the meeting that its business was to deal with Item 10 of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 16th March. He reported the appointed sub-Committee had met and expressed the Council's appreciation to the Committee members for their report.

The meeting considered this report and a report from the Executive Officer on his discussions in Sydney concerning the request of the Cooperative Federation of New South Wales for the services of the Executive Officer, Cooperative Federation of Australia over the next nine months, to act as Director of an international Cooperative Training Course funded by the Commonwealth Government. Both these reports are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

3. DISCUSSION

The meeting considered the existing contract between the Cooperative Federations of Australia and Victoria for joint use of services of the Executive Officer. It was accepted that any additional use of the services of the Executive Officer to provide extra funds for the Cooperative Federation of Australia would be at the expense of development of the Cooperative Federation of Victoria. However, without extra funds the future of both Federations is in jeopardy and the Cooperative Federation of Victoria is not yet in a position to operate as an independent viable service organisation.

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4. DECISION

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It was agreed that the President making reference to the two Federations

5. NEXT MEETING

Council set the date of urgent business requiring

An item set to be listed

Developed for Federation

6. CLOSURE

There being no further

4. DECISION

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The Cooperative Federation of Victoria propose to the Cooperative Federation of Australia that the current agreement between the two Federations be re-negotiated to include a firm commitment to 30th June 1983 and increase in contribution funds for services by the Cooperative Federation of Victoria from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

4.ii

The Cooperative Federation of Victoria is convinced that the recent developments of firm relationships with the Victorian Government adequately demonstrate the benefits of the services of a full-time Executive Officer. To capitalise on the position it is essential that the services of an Executive Officer be continued and, in the light of progress made, it is in their strongest interest that Mr. Rawlinson continue as Executive Officer.

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The Cooperative Federation of Victoria would be concerned to lose the services of the Executive Officer for any extended period to undertake prolonged services for the Cooperative Federation of Australia. However, although a commitment by the C.F.A. to providing the services of the Executive Officer to the Cooperative Federation of New South Wales projected international Cooperative Training Course will exceed desirable use of time on other than C.F.V. activities, the Council agree to this as a means of providing some extra funds for the C.F.A.

4.iv

The Cooperative Federation of Victoria believes that the current financial reserves of both parties to the contract should be committed to an all out effort to retain a combined active office of the two Federations in Melbourne. With such a commitment of reserves it will still be necessary to increase the annual income of both the C.F.A. and C.F.V. by \$12,000 each to enable the operations to continue beyond June 1982. Although funds from contractual services to the international Cooperative Training programmes will relieve this situation temporarily, this is a challenge which must be accepted by Councilors of both Federations and to the Executive Officer.

4.v

It was agreed the Chairman would discuss the above decision with the President, Cooperative Federation of Australia particularly making reference to the spirit of the existing agreement between the two Federations.

5. NEXT MEETING

Council set the date of the next meeting as Monday, 18th May 1981, unless urgent business requires an earlier meeting.

An item set to be listed for the agenda of the next meeting was -

Development of sources of increased income
for Federation operations.

6. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40 p.m.

Post Chair. 18.5.81

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